wireless network installation. A laptop and wireless PCMCIA network card (802.11a, 802.11b, or 802.11g compatible cards) are required. The NEX carries compatible wireless PCMCIA network cards. A limited pool of laptops and wireless network cards are available for short duration checkout from Room H-210. The staff in H-210 and various training classes will be available to provide registration of personal laptops on to the NWC unclassified network.

Software

The NWC uses Windows 2000 as the operating system on all desktop computers in the student computer rooms and the library. The office automation software is the Microsoft Office 2003 suite, which includes Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Access and Microsoft Excel. Internet Explorer 6.0 is the Internet browser used at NWC. Symantec's anti-virus software is used and is updated weekly to reflect the most current protection available. All NWC software is available for use by students and staff on personal computers through licensing agreements. Visit H-210 to gain more information, the licensing agreements, and copies of the software.

Students may use any software application on their personal computers to complete course work at NWC. However, to use NWC computers and printers, NWC installed software must be used. If students choose to work on their own computer as well as use the student computers, any file formats or application versions should be compatible; if not, it is the student's responsibility to convert them.

E-Mail

All students will receive an *nwc.navy.mil* e-mail account. To activate the account, students must use an NWC computer terminal to initially access the NWC Intranet, Computer Account Request System (CARS) site. Students should refer to separate instructions provided by the Information Resources Department (IRD) on how to manage their computer account.

Students using a personal Internet Service Provider (ISP) can access their email from home by going to: <https://webmail.nwc.navy.mil> (Note the "s" in https). This provides access to Outlook Calendar, email, and contacts. Access to the NWC Intranet will not be available through this connection.

Computer Training

Training classes for the software supported at NWC are available and the schedule is linked on the NWC Intranet homepage.

Typing

The Naval War College does not have adequate manpower resources to provide typing services to the student body. Each academic department